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Is There A Press Censorship?

It begins to look as if there were a press censorship at San Francisco. The city is under military control and such a censorship is of course possible under martial law. If it is not in force, how account for the remarkable lack of

real news, except such news as is of benefit to the prospects of rebuilding. The real news of the event, which has never come here yet follows: and which inquiries do not seem to bring forth, is as to what loss of life occurred and how it occurred, what destruction took place and how. Instead of these details, we get nothing but constant repetitions of plans for rebuilding. All this is good news but not anything more than was expected,-the first natural thought of all was that San Francisco would rise again, for American cities have always done so. Charleston was quickly rebuilt even after a terrible earthquake, and Galveston after a tidal wave.

As the matter stands, the things we do not know are among the most important. It is possible that misunderstandings, during the days of interrupted cable service and general confusion, between the New York and San Francisco news offices, accounts for some of this, and it seems that we shall have to wait for mails to straighten the matter out. Except by inference we do not know much about how the earthquake left things. It seems likely, putting various messages together, that the fire did most of the damage. The Call building, for example, probably stood the carthquake. Whether it still stands or was reduced to ruins by fire, we cannot say with much certainty.

There is no place on earth more glad than Honolulu to hear of reviving confidence in San Francisco and to know that she is to rise again, sky scrapers and all. But there are other anxieties, and we would like to know something more of what has happened. Ten days after the disaster there must be some approximately accurate estimates of the killed and wounded, for example,

The Lust Of Slaughter

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Not long ago President Roosevelt entertained as guests at the White House a man from England and a man from Germany, who had just arrived in America. They had a mission, which was announceed as publicly as "Major" Vin-

cent's, on the occasion of the recent visit of that military man to these islands. In fact the character of their mission seems to have had considerable influence in bringing them as guests to the White House. Their mission was not the sale of malted milk either.

No, it was announced as a matter conferring some distinction on them, that they were on their way to Alaska to kill big game, 'The announcement was made without shame and without rebuke. Here were men of means, and of sufficient social distinction to be invited as guests to the White House, who publicly announced that they were travelling thousands of miles simply to include their lust for slaughter.

There seems to exist a theory that the act of living is a capital offense when exercised by a noble brute. In the 70s passengers across the plains used to shoot buffalo from the car windows just for fun. In the 80s, when the buffalo had become extinct, they found joy in slaughtering in the same wanton fashion the antelope that still abounded. Now the antelope remains only in distant fastness, and is rapidly being exterminated, while deer, elk and moose find safety only in mountain retreats practically inaccessible. The game that remains in Alaska ought to be protected. It is not wicked, destructive or offensive. It asks only the simple favor of being allowed to exist. There is no possibility that it can do harm. Natives may kill for sustenance, and such killing may properly be incidental to the presence of prospectors. These facts do not give the head-hunter any

Game is now protected in California and in other Western States, although the law was late in coming to the rescue. It is in graver danger in Alaska, where there is no operative law covering the matter. Any alien who chooses may openly make exploitation there for the purpose of butchery. The horns of the mountain sheep, the elk therefore the action of General Sheri and the spreading antlers of the moose are regarded as treasures to dan in using troops, establishing mill be prized, and for the sake of securing these trophies the hunter runs tary authority, and declaring martial the risk of maining far more than he actually kills. When the lust is on him he will kill far beyond any chance of even carrying away the trophies he seeks. Personally, he runs no risk whatever. He is Governor Palmer sought vindication of far less subject to injury than is the butcher whose dealings are con- his position at the general election the fined to the domestic steer, and he lacks the excuse that makes this next year, But that was the year 1872. other butcher not an admirable but a tolerated figure.

The alien who comes to this country for the purpose of slaying idential election, that Palmer was debig game should be regarded as a trespasser. If he has no better feated, though undoubtedly there was reason for coming, let him stay away. If he really must kill and a strong feeling of fealty and loyalty maim, there are still tigers in the jungle, the quest of which would not be objectionable, and would be likely to give him "a run for his others, there is little doubt that he money.

The Governor And The General

********* us to understand that there has elected him to the Senate. fornia and General Greeley of the have been raised again in San Fran-Army growing out of the main- It is one of those questions which at

co. The cables have not made it at all clear what the differences are tled on its merits, because the army or what the friction is, though from what has been said regarding the has always the physical power to National Guard, it is presumable that the question is somewhat similar its pretensions. But if ever National Guard, it is presumable that the question is somewhat simi- the American Republic is overthrown lar to the one that arose between Governor Palmer of Illinois and by a military dictatorship or despot-General Phil Sheridan of the Army, at the time of the great Chicago ism, it may be through just such an fire in 1871, and between Governor Altgeld of Illinois and President entering wedge as such circumstances Cleveland at the time of the American Railway Union strike in 1894. offer.

The controversy between Governor Palmer and General Sheridan was the most important, the longest drawn-out and the most farreaching. In this case, as apparently at San Francisco, as soon as the ordinary course of municipal government had become disorganized through the great catastrophe, United States troops took charge. In Caicago these were under the command of General Sheridan who was is the only witness against four or five at that time in command of the Department of the Lakes. Governor police officers who deny his story. The Palmer, who had immediately ordered out the state militia, made protest against the action of General Sheridan, on the ground that it uncorroborated. They are accused of was a usurpation of military authority, and an invasion of state rights, whitewashing the police, and the case

Governor Palmer based his contention on Section 4 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the United States: The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican form of government, and shall protect each of them against invasion; and on application of the legislature, or of the Executive (when the legislature cannot be convened) against domestic violence.

Governor Palmer's contention was that neither the legislature nor the executive of the State of Illinois had appealed to the United States for aid or assistance against domestic violence, and that than this? Does any same man doubt

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law, was an invasion of the rights of the State of Illinois, was unconstitutional, and was a dangerous precedent and this issue was so overshadowed by the more important issues of the Presto him throughout the state, and if this issue could have been separated from would have won. In a measure the people of Illinois did vindicate him and The cable dispatches have given the position he took in this matter about sixteen years later when they

been some difference or conflict. The same question was raised by between Governor Pardee of Cali- Governor Altgeld in 1894, and seems to cisco just now

tainance of order in San Francis- the time it is raised can never be setof those at Chicago or San Francisco

> The revised macedonian cry is: Cale over and help us.

A sneak thief with a long jail record Board of Supervisors decline to believe and act upon the sneak thief testimony compared to that of a jaller whom the High Sheriff discharged on the testimony of twelve witnesses to his

Now the Supervisors' Palenapa report is criticized because it quotes Dr. Wood, instead of Dr. Emerson, as saying that, if a rib had been broken he would have found traces of the in-Can small quibbling go further

drunkenness and attacks on prisoners.

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that Dr. Wood or any other doctor would have said what he is inadvertently quoted as saying, if asked about vertiser wants to intimate that Palesupa's rib was broken and healed in ten days so that a doctor couldn't find any injury at all? If, not, what is the obsurd 'deadly parallel" about?

As to the other case of the "Third Degree," where did Chester Doyle get the queue he showed about town to numerous people?-Advertiser

Ask the sad-eyed zebrula which faded nto a Kona nightingale.

Why not include Johnson with the Koreans in the application for clem-

The weak point in the supervisors' reort on the Palenapa Investigation is that the investigation was conducted There was no good reason for this. Such an investigation should have been as public as it could be made. Anyone who had evidence to offer should have been given a chance The findings in all probability would ave been the same and the public would rightly have accepted them far nore readily.

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